

This key should allow you to understand why you choose the option you did (beyond just getting a question right or wrong). More instructions on how to use this key can be found [here](#).

If you have a suggestion to make the keys better, please fill out the short survey [here](#).

Note: This key is auto-generated and may contain issues and/or errors. The keys are reviewed after each exam to ensure grading is done accurately. If there are issues (like duplicate options), they are noted in the offline gradebook. The keys are a work-in-progress to give students as many resources to improve as possible.

1. Simplify the expression below and choose the interval the simplification is contained within.

$$1 - 13 \div 17 * 20 - (14 * 8)$$

The solution is -126.294 , which is option B.

- A. $[-228.35, -218.35]$

-226.353 , which corresponds to not distributing a negative correctly.

- B. $[-131.29, -122.29]$

-126.294 , which is the correct option.

- C. $[-111.04, -105.04]$

-111.038 , which corresponds to an Order of Operations error: not reading left-to-right for multiplication/division.

- D. $[112.96, 115.96]$

112.962 , which corresponds to not distributing addition and subtraction correctly.

- E. None of the above

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General Comment: While you may remember (or were taught) PEMDAS is done in order, it is actually done as P/E/MD/AS. When we are at MD or AS, we read left to right.

2. Choose the **smallest** set of Real numbers that the number below belongs to.

$$\sqrt{\frac{19044}{36}}$$

The solution is Whole, which is option A.

- A. Whole

* This is the correct option!

- B. Not a Real number

These are Nonreal Complex numbers **OR** things that are not numbers (e.g., dividing by 0).

- C. Irrational

These cannot be written as a fraction of Integers.

- D. Integer

These are the negative and positive counting numbers (... , -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, ...)

E. Rational

These are numbers that can be written as fraction of Integers (e.g., $-2/3$)

General Comment: First, you **NEED** to simplify the expression. This question simplifies to 138.

Be sure you look at the simplified fraction and not just the decimal expansion. Numbers such as 13, 17, and 19 provide **long but repeating/terminating decimal expansions!**

The only ways to *not* be a Real number are: dividing by 0 or taking the square root of a negative number.

Irrational numbers are more than just square root of 3: adding or subtracting values from square root of 3 is also irrational.

3. Choose the **smallest** set of Real numbers that the number below belongs to.

$$-\sqrt{\frac{28900}{289}}$$

The solution is Integer, which is option A.

A. Integer

* This is the correct option!

B. Rational

These are numbers that can be written as fraction of Integers (e.g., $-2/3$)

C. Irrational

These cannot be written as a fraction of Integers.

D. Not a Real number

These are Nonreal Complex numbers **OR** things that are not numbers (e.g., dividing by 0).

E. Whole

These are the counting numbers with 0 (0, 1, 2, 3, ...)

General Comment: First, you **NEED** to simplify the expression. This question simplifies to -170 .

Be sure you look at the simplified fraction and not just the decimal expansion. Numbers such as 13, 17, and 19 provide **long but repeating/terminating decimal expansions!**

The only ways to *not* be a Real number are: dividing by 0 or taking the square root of a negative number.

Irrational numbers are more than just square root of 3: adding or subtracting values from square root of 3 is also irrational.

4. Choose the **smallest** set of Complex numbers that the number below belongs to.

$$\frac{-20}{-12} + 64i^2$$

The solution is Rational, which is option D.

A. Pure Imaginary

This is a Complex number ($a + bi$) that **only** has an imaginary part like $2i$.

B. Nonreal Complex

This is a Complex number ($a + bi$) that is not Real (has i as part of the number).

C. Not a Complex Number

This is not a number. The only non-Complex number we know is dividing by 0 as this is not a number!

D. Rational

* This is the correct option!

E. Irrational

These cannot be written as a fraction of Integers. Remember: π is not an Integer!

General Comment: Be sure to simplify $i^2 = -1$. This may remove the imaginary portion for your number. If you are having trouble, you may want to look at the *Subgroups of the Real Numbers* section.

5. Simplify the expression below into the form $a + bi$. Then, choose the intervals that a and b belong to.

$$(10 + 2i)(4 + 3i)$$

The solution is $34 + 38i$, which is option B.

- A. $a \in [42, 50]$ and $b \in [16, 26]$

$46 + 22i$, which corresponds to adding a minus sign in the first term.

- B. $a \in [30, 37]$ and $b \in [35, 43]$

* $34 + 38i$, which is the correct option.

- C. $a \in [30, 37]$ and $b \in [-43, -36]$

$34 - 38i$, which corresponds to adding a minus sign in both terms.

- D. $a \in [39, 44]$ and $b \in [5, 7]$

$40 + 6i$, which corresponds to just multiplying the real terms to get the real part of the solution and the coefficients in the complex terms to get the complex part.

- E. $a \in [42, 50]$ and $b \in [-23, -19]$

$46 - 22i$, which corresponds to adding a minus sign in the second term.

General Comment: You can treat i as a variable and distribute. Just remember that $i^2 = -1$, so you can continue to reduce after you distribute.

6. Simplify the expression below into the form $a + bi$. Then, choose the intervals that a and b belong to.

$$\frac{63 - 33i}{4 - 5i}$$

The solution is $10.17 + 4.46i$, which is option C.

- A. $a \in [416, 417.5]$ and $b \in [3.5, 5.5]$

$417.00 + 4.46i$, which corresponds to forgetting to multiply the conjugate by the numerator and using a plus instead of a minus in the denominator.

- B. $a \in [9.5, 10.5]$ and $b \in [181.5, 184]$

$10.17 + 183.00i$, which corresponds to forgetting to multiply the conjugate by the numerator.

C. $a \in [9.5, 10.5]$ and $b \in [3.5, 5.5]$

* $10.17 + 4.46i$, which is the correct option.

D. $a \in [1, 4]$ and $b \in [-11.5, -10.5]$

$2.12 - 10.90i$, which corresponds to forgetting to multiply the conjugate by the numerator and not computing the conjugate correctly.

E. $a \in [14.5, 16.5]$ and $b \in [5.5, 7.5]$

$15.75 + 6.60i$, which corresponds to just dividing the first term by the first term and the second by the second.

General Comment: Multiply the numerator and denominator by the *conjugate* of the denominator, then simplify. For example, if we have $2 + 3i$, the conjugate is $2 - 3i$.

7. Simplify the expression below into the form $a + bi$. Then, choose the intervals that a and b belong to.

$$(-9 - 4i)(-6 + 2i)$$

The solution is $62 + 6i$, which is option D.

A. $a \in [52, 58]$ and $b \in [-9.4, -7.8]$

$54 - 8i$, which corresponds to just multiplying the real terms to get the real part of the solution and the coefficients in the complex terms to get the complex part.

B. $a \in [46, 50]$ and $b \in [40.42, 42.03]$

$46 + 42i$, which corresponds to adding a minus sign in the second term.

C. $a \in [59, 64]$ and $b \in [-6.19, -5.59]$

$62 - 6i$, which corresponds to adding a minus sign in both terms.

D. $a \in [59, 64]$ and $b \in [4.87, 7.82]$

* $62 + 6i$, which is the correct option.

E. $a \in [46, 50]$ and $b \in [-42.35, -41.86]$

$46 - 42i$, which corresponds to adding a minus sign in the first term.

General Comment: You can treat i as a variable and distribute. Just remember that $i^2 = -1$, so you can continue to reduce after you distribute.

8. Simplify the expression below into the form $a + bi$. Then, choose the intervals that a and b belong to.

$$\frac{-18 + 77i}{6 - 3i}$$

The solution is $-7.53 + 9.07i$, which is option C.

A. $a \in [-339.5, -338]$ and $b \in [8.5, 10.5]$

$-339.00 + 9.07i$, which corresponds to forgetting to multiply the conjugate by the numerator and using a plus instead of a minus in the denominator.

B. $a \in [-4, -2]$ and $b \in [-26.5, -25]$

$-3.00 - 25.67i$, which corresponds to just dividing the first term by the first term and the second by the second.

C. $a \in [-9, -6]$ and $b \in [8.5, 10.5]$

* $-7.53 + 9.07i$, which is the correct option.

D. $a \in [2, 3]$ and $b \in [11, 12]$

$2.73 + 11.47i$, which corresponds to forgetting to multiply the conjugate by the numerator and not computing the conjugate correctly.

E. $a \in [-9, -6]$ and $b \in [407.5, 409]$

$-7.53 + 408.00i$, which corresponds to forgetting to multiply the conjugate by the numerator.

General Comment: Multiply the numerator and denominator by the *conjugate* of the denominator, then simplify. For example, if we have $2 + 3i$, the conjugate is $2 - 3i$.

9. Simplify the expression below and choose the interval the simplification is contained within.

$$20 - 2 \div 6 * 12 - (11 * 4)$$

The solution is -28.000 , which is option D.

A. $[-27.1, -23.8]$

-24.028 , which corresponds to an Order of Operations error: not reading left-to-right for multiplication/division.

B. $[19, 21.7]$

20.000 , which corresponds to not distributing a negative correctly.

C. $[61.4, 65.5]$

63.972 , which corresponds to not distributing addition and subtraction correctly.

D. $[-28.6, -25.1]$

* -28.000 , which is the correct option.

E. None of the above

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10. Choose the **smallest** set of Complex numbers that the number below belongs to.

$$\sqrt{\frac{450}{5}} + \sqrt{132}i$$

The solution is Nonreal Complex, which is option D.

A. Not a Complex Number

This is not a number. The only non-Complex number we know is dividing by 0 as this is not a number!

B. Rational

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C. Pure Imaginary

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